

REMARKS

Priority Claim

The priority claim was updated by completing the priority claim of the 09/996,420 application. Specifically, the 09/996,420 application now claims priority from U.S. provisional application 60/250,202, which was filed November 30, 2000. The following language was added to the priority claim: "which claimed priority from U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/250,202, filed November 30, 2000;."

Status of the Claims

Claims 52-61 are new and pending. All prior claims have been canceled without prejudice to their assertion in a continuing application.

Applicants note that the currently pending claims correspond to those pending in related application 10/877,729, except that the currently pending claims are method of treatment claims, while, in the 10/877,729 application, the claims are directed to pharmaceutical compositions. Applicants further note that the instant application claims priority from the 09/578,991 application, of which the 10/877,729 application is a continuation. Support for the new claims may be found in the 10/877,729 application, as well as throughout the application as filed. More particularly, see for example, pages 19-20, 22, 24, 92-93, 96-97, 99-106, 123 and 124 of the application as filed. No new matter has been added.

Prior Rejections

Applicants submit that in light of the above identified claim amendments, all prior rejections are moot.

CONCLUSION

Entry of the claim amendments, allowance of the claims and passage of the case to issue are respectfully solicited.

The Applicants urge the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at (312) 913-2114, if the Examiner believes that a discussion would expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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